

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested in view of the above amendment and the discussion below.

Prior to discussing the present Amendment, Applicant, through his attorney, would like to thank the Examiner and the Supervisor for the courtesies extended during the July 8, 2003 personal interview. As reflected by the Interview Summary, agreement was reached with respect to overcoming the 35 U.S.C. § 103 rejection if the priority document and its date were perfected.

Accordingly, Applicant is submitting herewith a Certified English Translation of the certified priority document DE 199 59 597.6 dated December 19, 1999 in order to remove from consideration U.S. Patent No. 6,453,731 to Yaegashi which has a U.S. filing date of January 4, 2000.

Claims 1-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Yaegashi U.S. Patent No. 6,453,731 and Driscoll et al. U.S. Patent No. 4,180,860. Applicant respectfully requests the removal of this rejection on the grounds that the priority date of December 19, 1999 of the present application precedes January 4, 2000 U.S. filing date of the '731 reference.

Claims 5-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph with respect to the recitation "where there are means to control the display..." which rendered Claim 5 vague and indefinite according to the rejection. In response to this rejection, Applicant has amended Claim 5 to provide claim language which meets requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

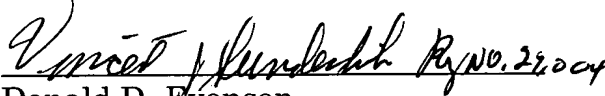
Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that this application containing Claims 1-8 be allowed and be passed to issue.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #951/49289).

Respectfully submitted,

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